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Subject: Regarding Case B

Dear Dr. Ganns,

I have reviewed the NCSTAR reports and can locate nothing of substance regarding the soffit accounted for in the Case B model.

Specifically, can you tell me what the soffit was composed of and precisely what its location was in relation to the floor system. Also, what does "1.2m" mean in the phrase "1.2m soffit"? Is this a side length or vertical length from the metal deck?

NIST's main report also uses the table with the "soffit remains" note. Yet after reading NCSTAR 1-6, I was unable to be sure whether the "soffit remains" scenario was used in the final computer models that describe the sequences for WTCI and II.

At another point in your report [NCSTAR 1-5], your team says that the pressure pulses from the anomalous "puffs of smoke" did not imply a force sufficient to cause structural damage. What reasoning was used to substantiate this assertion?

I am taking the liberty of sending copies of this email to two other NIST addresses.
I may quote from this email and your response for future publication.

Thank you.

Best regards,
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